

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

~~Of application~~ A ball joint for suspension and steering systems and/or stabilizer bars which are located in the vicinity of a source of excessive heat generation such as brake, it basically incorporates is provided with a thermal protector [[(9)]] integrated in the ball joint which presents a series of flexible radial plates [[(10)]] on its upper face defining interiorly a circular opening [[(11)]] which is attached to a connecting ring [[(12)]] previously fixed to the neck [[(7)]] of the dust boot [[(6)]] by overinjection or pressure and/or gluing, so that the thermal protector [[(9)]] covers the dust boot [[(6)]] in order to protect it from the high temperatures generated in the surrounding area.